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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) LEGAL OFFICER CONCERNED WITH ICJ (TYGE LEHMAN) ON AUGUST 16, PER INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED PARA NINE REFTEL. MFA OFF GREETED US NOMINATION OF PROFESSOR BAXTER WITH ENTHUSIASM, CITING HIS KEY CONTRIBUTION TO WORK OF CONFERENCES ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ROLE. WHILE IN ANY EVENT DENMARK WOULD HAVE SUPPORTED US CANDIDATE PER CONSIDERATIONS DISCUSSED PARA THREE OF REFTEL, DENMARK WOULD TAKE SPECIAL PLEASURE IN CASTING VOTE FOR BAXTER.

2. MFA OFF COLUNTEERED THAT DANISH NATIONAL COMMITTEE -- AFTER "WAITING SOME TIME TO LEARN IDENTITY OF US NOMINEE, WHOM WE WOULD HAVE HOPED ALSO TO NOMINATE" -- NOMINATED THREE CANDIDATES:
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PROF AGO (ITALY); JUSTICE MANNER (FINLAND) AND JUSTICE RAXAFINDRALAMBO (MADAGASCAR).

3. DANISH GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO MFA OFF, FOLLOWS SAME PRACTICE AS USG RE AWAITING REGIONAL AGREEMENT ON RESPECTIVE SINGLE CANDIDATES. HOWEVER, OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR NORDIC UNITY, DENMARK WOULD SUPPORT JUSTICE MANNER, UNLESS MANNER AND

AGO REACH AN ACCOMODATION PRIOR TO THE ELECTIONS. MFA OFF VOLUNTEERED AWARENESS OF TRADEOFF AS DISCUSSED PARA 12 OF REFTL AND EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT MANNER WOULD ACCEDE TO THE "VERY STRONG CANDIDACY OF DR AGO"; IF, HOWEVER, USSR AND EE WERE ACTIVELY TO SUPPORT JUSTICE MANNER, WHICH MFA OFF SUGGESTED TO BE POSSIBILITY, MANNER MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTY IN BOWING OUT GRACEFULLY.

4. MFA OFF WAS UNINFORMED CONCERNING IDENTITY OF USSR'S CANDIDATE.
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